

HOUSE BILL 543

By Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36,
Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to prohibiting adoptions
by certain persons.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-107, is amended by inserting
the following as a new subsection (d):

(d) Notwithstanding anything in this part to the contrary, no person is eligible to
adopt if that person is a homosexual. As used in this section, "homosexual" means any
person who voluntarily and knowingly engages in or submits to any sexual contact
involving another person of the same gender.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-115, is amended by inserting
the following as a new subsection (h):

(h) Notwithstanding anything in this part to the contrary, no person is eligible to
adopt if that person is a homosexual. As used in this section, "homosexual" means any
person who voluntarily and knowingly engages in or submits to any sexual contact
involving another person of the same gender.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.